AGENDA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

February 11, 2004 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Council Office Building 6th Floor Conference Room

7:30 p.m. I. Met with Karl Aro, MD Department of Legislative Services

8:00 p.m. II. Discussion of issues

A. Technical amendment to clarify Section 208

i. Review draft language provided by staff to clarify the timing of an Executive veto.

B. Councilmember positions full- or part-time jobs

i. Review draft language to amend the Charter to provide that Councilmember positions are full-time for the purpose of salary.

C. Number of signatures required for Charter amendments

- i. Take no position on this issue.
- ii. Advise the Council and Executive to continue working with the Montgomery County Delegation to increase the number of signatures required for Charter amendments comparable to referendums.
- iii. Reduce the number of signatures required for referendums in Charter Section 114 (five percent of the registered voters = approx. 23,000).

D. Council structure

- i. Maintain the existing number of Councilmembers (9) and the current ratio of district versus at-large seats (5-4).
- ii. Increase the overall number of Councilmembers.
- iii. Change the ratio of district versus at-large seats.

E. Petitions filed by Mr. Ficker

- i. Tax cap
- ii. Term limits

9:25 p.m. III. Administrative items

- Approval of minutes from the January 29 meeting
- > Timeline for report submission
 - i. Draft report due to Council staff: March 18
 - ii. Final draft approved by the CRC: April 16
 - iii. Final report due to the Council: May 1
 - iv. Report presented to the Council: June (3rd or 4th week)

> Upcoming meeting dates

- i. Thursday, February 19 (8:00-10:00 a.m.)
- ii. Thursday, March 11 (7:30-9:30 p.m. **if necessary**)
- ii. Thursday, March 18
- ii. Friday, April 16

9:30 p.m. V. Adjournment

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